

A DRAFT THREATENED!

**Will the Citizens of New-York aid in Ar-
resting such a Calamity?—The Assis-
tant Provost-Marshal-General Calls
Upon Them.—The County Volunteer
Committee Appeals to Them—Ten Days
allowed to increase Recruiting—Over
Thirteen Thousand Men yet to be
Raised!**

The County Committee on Volunteering call the attention of every citizen to the letter appended hereto, from Brig. Gen. Blanks, A. A. P. M. General and Superintendent of Recruiting Service, relative to the number of recruits now being raised in this City, and the prospect of a draft.

The Committee have exhausted all means at their command for raising men. They have paid the largest bounty permitted by the laws of the State, or paid in any portion of the State. They have succeeded in recruiting over one hundred men per day, within the last seven (7) days they have averaged about one hundred and thirty (130) men per day, and will not exceed one hundred and forty (140) men per day. We have now only two thousand (2,000).

But there are yet more than thirteen thousand (13,000) men to be raised to fill the quota of this City, and to raise this number within a reasonable time, requires not one hundred men but two hundred men per day at least.

While the Committee and the Board of Supervisors, from which they derive their power, have indicated and collectively given their whole time and attention to the cause, it must be recognized that the City, the County, the will-power by the draft, have beenakened and have rendered the Committee no considerable assistance.

Even capitalists, who have most to fear from a draft, have been unwilling to aid to the extent of furnishing the necessary means to pay the men raised. The fund for paying volunteers is now nearly exhausted, and even 200 men per day can no longer be paid without great difficulty.

The Committee, in view of themselves and the public, now make this statement, and appeal to the days grace allowed us that it will be reduced to a certainty that the quota can be filled within a reasonable time.

To avoid the draft two things are necessary:

1st. That the quota of the County for the purpose of payment be taken immediately; and

2d. That the people of once lend their aid to the work of finding recruits.

Especially, let every citizen who has the means provide himself with a substitute. He will thus exempt himself from draft and help to fill the quota of the County. Substitutes can now be obtained at comparatively small cost, the State understanding to cover all those who pay money for substitutes to the extent of \$600 for a three year substitute, \$400 for a two years substitute.

Those who subscribe to the Volunteer Loan Fund have not only the pledge of the faith and property of the County, but the additional security that the State will reimburse to the County the money thus expended.

It now remains with the people to avert the threatened calamity of a draft. Let them take the matter in hand. Let them assemble together and determine what steps must be taken to avert the calamity.

With the exception of the press, and the active aid of the people, the Committee hope, within the prescribed ten days, to give satisfactory evidence that men will be procured by volunteering than can possibly be obtained by draft.

—New York, March 6, 1865.

G. GOFFET GUTHIER, Mayor,
MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller,
ORISON BLUNT, Supervisor,

ELIJAH F. PURDY, Supervisor,

W. H. R. STEWART, Supervisor,

County Committee on Volunteering.

ORION BLUNT, Chairman.

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LETTER OF GEN. JENKINS.

OFFICE A. A. PROVOST-MARSHAL-GENERAL AND SUPER-
INTENDENT VOLUNTEER RECRUITING SERVICE.

SOUTHERN DIVISION OF N. Y. STATE, March 3, 1865.

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 2d inst., in reply to a note of Capt. Blanks, A. A. G., written by my direction, in relation to the progress of recruiting in this County, and have perused with interest the elaborate array of statistics which it contains, exhibiting the comparative progress of recruiting in the City and County of New-York under the present and previous calls for troops; but its examination has not changed or modified my conclusions.—The present rate of recruiting will be unable to fill the quota of the city districts within the time required.

It will be borne in mind that very great difficulties, as compared with other districts in this State, exist in all the city districts, and that these difficulties exist entirely for the reason that New-York has been less actively or less successfully engaged in actual recruiting than the suburban districts. The draft has already commenced in all districts surrounding the city, so far as to further postpone its operations, and it is a prospect of the quota being immediately filled by volunteers, which would be an obvious injustice to those districts in which the application of the provisions of the law is now being made.

Furthermore, it will be remembered that the previous quota of the city districts have been filled, to a very great extent, with credits resulting from men sent to the European war, and not retained in our own country, of progress of recruiting under these calls. Hence the apparent male in your communication has no application to the results in filling the quota, which now must be done by actual enlisting.

It was hoped that the postponement of the draft in this city would produce on the part of its citizens some effort commensurate with the amount of labor to be done to secure the filling of the quota by volunteers, especially speedily rendered active to recruit the various arms with some sixteen thousand volunteers, and to furnish a resource for a recourse to the operations of a draft on the part of the Government.

To secure this result every means of cooperation and assistance consistent with the interests of the service has, whenever suggested, been willingly adopted by the Provost Marshal-General and by the office, after trial it seems that these hopes are not well founded, for while yourself and a few persons have labored faithfully and efficiently to produce the desired result, the example of others has been inactive, being slow and an active effort being made on the part of the whole community has not been realized, and instead of any indication being apparent that the quota will be speedily filled, there is presented the conclusive evidence of your own figures that at the present rate of recruiting the quota will not be filled until the 1st of August next.

I know of no means by which the number of men raised can be increased, except the people, who have the greatest interest at home, shall become more zealous in recruiting, and that they only can create.

Every indication of patriotism and interest appears to them to put their hands to the work. The benevolent and liberal provisions of the State law by which every person who secures a substitute before the draft will receive six hundred, four hundred or three hundred dollars bounty, for three or two or one year's service of such substitute, respectively, while a drafted man receives but two hundred and fifty dollars for each year he is drafted, his substitute is entitled to receive every dollar he is paid, and the same amount is paid to him by the State.

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I reply, however, to your concluding remarks, I would suggest that means be adopted to meet the greatest possible probability of a draft, and to the best advantage, and, to the liberal provisions of the State Government made for volunteers and substitutes, and that the people of the city be appealed to through the public press, and, if practicable, through public meetings, to devote one week to their country and their own personal interests in labor to secure the filling of the quota of their districts, and thereby relieve themselves from the evils of a draft. To this end every facility will be extended from the topographical offices and officers and agents, who are provided in abundance, and the first fair test may be made. I think I may pray that no draft will take place during the next ten days. I am Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. H. R. STEWART, Brigadier-General.

Volunteer Recruiting Service.

N. Y. Wholesale Prices of Country Produce

FOR THE WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1865.
Express for the N. Y. Tribune by our own Reporters.

The following are the current rates of articles in good condition, now sold by commission houses at wholesale. Shippers receive 5 to 10 per cent less, deducted for commissions, besides freight and other charges.

BEANS AND PEAS.

Beans are coming in freely, with large lots on the way. Prime Marrow Beans sold at \$2 50-\$3 00. The tendency is downward. We quote:

beans, pea, and medium prime, 4 bush. \$2 80-\$2 90.

beans, kidney, 4 bush. 3 40-\$3 50.

beans, marrow, prime. 3 35-\$3 45.

beans, inferior. 2 25-\$2 75.

beans, Lima, 4 bush. 12 00-\$12 14.

beans, Canadian, 4 bush. 2 30-\$2 35.

BUTTER.

Though we reported quite a decline last week, the market was not then reached, nor do we believe it is.

The price has advanced, and is now 300 packages yesterday, and 3000 for February—and still there is much back, both in the country and on the way. It is impossible to get it forward as fast as owners desire. It is shipped in January being still behind. The feeling is decidedly weak, and more failures have occurred.

We saw a fresh arrival of good State Butter in Weich, mostly offered at 35 cents, and received at 30 cents fine, selected for a first-class hotel.

Two hundred CAVALRY HORSES.

These have been condemned as unfit for the cavalry service of the army.

For road and farmland purposes, many good bargains are to be had.

Horses sold singly. Said to commence at 10 m. and will be held at Phillips' Government stable, corner of Fremont and Ramsey Sts.

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